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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS INTERVIEW IN AKROPOLIS

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN AKROPOLIS ON JUNE 29 UNDER THE HEADLINE "ONLY IF FORD AND KISSINGER FALL WILL THE CYPRUS ISSUE BE SOLVED," ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS PROVIDED FURTHER GRATUITOUS REMARKS ON U.S. POLICY AND LEADERSHIP AND REPEATED FAMILIAR VIEWPOINTS.

2. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OPENED INTERVIEW BY REMARKING THAT HE IS NOT OPTIMISITIC ABOUT A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HE CANNOT BE HOPEFUL THAT TURKEY WILL DRAW BACK. "WHERE I AM HOPEFUL IS TO HAVE THE CUT-OFF OF AMERICAN AID TO TURKEY CONTINUED. AND THIS BECAUSE TURKEY UNDERSTANDS OHLY TOUGH LANGUAGE. ON THE OTHER HAND TURKEY CANNOT REPLACE MILITARY AID FROM AMERICA WITH AID FROM OTHER COUNTRIES."

3. CONTINUING ON THE SUBJECT OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, PRESIDENT MAKARIOS SAID "I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER FORD AND KISSINGER WILL PERSUADE CONGRESS TO RESUME AID TO  
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TURKEY.I HOPE THAT THESE ATTEMPTS OF THE PRESIDET AND

THE SECRETARY WILL NOT SUCCEED." MAKARIOS ADDED THAT "WE ARE DEPENDING VERY MUCH ON THE AMERICAN FACTOR IN THE SENSE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CONGRESS AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CAUSE OF CYPRUS. AND IT IS ALSO BENEFICIAL THAT WE HAVE ON OUR SIDE THE "HELLENISM" OF THE U.S., PEOPLE WHO EXERCISE GREAT INFLUENCE IN AMERICA, HAVE FINANCIAL STRENGTH AND A HIGH CULTURAL LEVEL."

4. ON THE SECRETARY, MAKARIOS REMARKED "KISSINGER FEARS THE GREEK-AMERICANS AND I KNOW THAT FROM EXPERIENCE... WHEN I WAS IN THE U.S. KISSINGER REPEATEDLY ASKED ME TO CONVINCE THE GREEK OF AMERICA TO LEAVE HIM IN PEACE. NATURALLY I COULD NOT GIVE HIM SUCH A PROMISE." IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ON WHAT HOPE EXISTS FOR U.S. POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MAKARIOS ANSWERED "ONLY IF TODAY'S EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY IN THE U.S. WILL CHANGE. THAT MEANS THAT WE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTIONS. THINGS WOULD CHANGE SHOULD EDWARD KENNEDY BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY. KENNEDY HAS GENUINE SYMPATHY FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HE IS A FRIEND OF GREECE. HOWEVER, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE BECAUSE HE FEARS THAT HE MIGHT BE ASSASSINATED. HE ALREADY IS CONDUCTING A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CIA. HE MAY BE WAITING FOR THE YOUNG KENNEDYS TO GROW UP AND THEN TO BECOME A CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTIONS AFTER NEXT."

5. TURNING TO QUESTIONS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION, THE ARCHBISHOP REMARKED THAT SUPPORT FROM THE USSR IS IMPORTANT AND THAT CHINA'S POSITION HAS BEEN VERY GOOD. MAKARIOS SAID HE FOUND SUPPORT DURING HIS TOUR OF ARAB COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN SYRIA AND LIBYA. FINALLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS THE ARCHBISHOP NOTED THAT LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE BEING PREPARED IN AREAS OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM WITH THE PROSPECT OF REPLACING THE LOSSES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. KUBISCH

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